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By the King.

A Proclamation for the eſtabliſhing of the Peace and Quiet of the Church of England.

THe Kings moſt Excellent Maieſty, in His moſt religious care, and Princely conſideration, of the Peace of this Church & Common Wealth of England, and other his Dominions, whereof God of his goodnes hath, vnder his Sonne Chriſt Ieſus, made him the ſupreame Gouernour, obſeruing, that in all ages great diſturbances, both to Church and State, haue enſued out of ſmall beginnings, when the ſeedes of Contention were not timely preuented; and finding, that of late ſome Queſtions and Opinions ſeeme to haue been broched or raiſed in matters of Doctrine, and the Tenents of our Religion, which at firſt onely being meant againſt the Papiſts, but afterwards by the ſharpe and indiſcreete handling and maintaining of ſome of either parts, haue giuen much offence to the ſober and well grounded Readers, and Hearers of theſe late Written Bookes on both ſides, which may iuſtly be feared, will raiſe ſome hopes in the profeſſed enemies of our Religion, the Romiſh Catholikes, that by degrees, the profeſſours of our Religion may bee drawen firſt to Schiſme, and after to plaine Popery.

His Maieſtie therefore, in the integrity of his owne heart, and ſingular prouidence of the peaceable gouernment of that people, which God hath committed to his charge, hath thought fit, by the aduice of his reuerend Biſhops, to declare and publiſh, not onely to his owne people, but alſo to the whole World, his vtter diſlike to all thoſe, who to ſhew the ſubtilty of their wits, or to pleaſe their owne humours, or vent their owne paſſions, doe, or ſhall aduenture to ſtirre or moue any new Opinions, not only contrary, but differing from the ſound and Orthodoxall grounds of the true Religion, ſincerely profeſſed, and happily eſtabliſhed in the Church of England; And alſo to declare his full and conſtant reſolution, that neither in matter of Doctrine, or Diſcipline of the Church, nor in the gouernment of the State, he will admit of the leaſt innouation, but by Gods aſſiſtance will ſo guide the Scepter of theſe his Kingdomes and Dominions, by the Diuine prouidence put into his hand, as ſhall be for the comfort and aſſurance of his ſober, religious, and well affected Subiects, and for the repreſſing and ſeuere puniſhing of the inſolencies of ſuch, as out of any ſiniſter reſpects, or diſaffection to his Perſon or Gouernment, ſhall dare either in Church or State, to diſturbe or diſquiet the peace thereof.